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CONDUCTING AUCTIONS OVER  
ELECTRONIC NETWORKS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
APPLICANTS' INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows to more particularly point out the invention:

65 (Amended). In an electronic auction system including an issuer's computer having a display and at least one bidder's computer having an input device and a display, said bidder's computer being located remotely from said issuer's computer, said

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Computers being coupled to at least one electronic network for communicating data